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WISCONSIN ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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WISCONSIN DATA AND SOURCES

	INDICATOR	SOURCES
L1	Composite Index of Leading Indicators	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
L2	Average Work Week, Manufacturing	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
L3	Average Overtime Hours, Mfg.	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
L4	Average Weekly Initial Claims	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
L5	Total Job Openings Received	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
L6	New Business Incorporations	Wisconsin Secretary of State
L7	Net Gain in Business Phone Access Lines	Wi. Telephone Co. and General Telephone Co.
L8	Building Plans Examined	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
C1	Help-Wanted Advertising Index (Milw.)	National Industrial Conference Board
C2	Total Unemployment Rate	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
C3	Natural Gas Sales	Wisconsin Public Service Commission
C4	New Car Registrations	Wi. Dept. of Transportation
C5	Electric Power Sales	Wisconsin Public Service Commission
C6	Total Security Registrations	Wisconsin Commissioner of Securities
C7	Manufacturing Employment	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
C8	Average Weekly Earnings, Mfg.	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
C9	Cash Receipts From Farm Marketing	U.S. Department of Agriculture
C10	Contract Construction Employment	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
X1	Birth Registrations	Wi. Dept. of Health and Social Services
X2	Death Registrations	Wi. Dept. of Health and Social Services
X3	Natural Net Gain in Population	Wi. Dept. of Health and Social Services
X4	Marriage Registrations	Wi. Dept. of Health and Social Services
X5	Consumer Price Index (Milwaukee)	U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
X6	Index of Prices Received By Farmers	Wisconsin Department of Agriculture
X7	Net Gain in Residential Phone Access Lines	Wi. Telephone Co. and General Telephone Co.
X8	Labor Disputes, No. of Workers	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
X9	Unemployment Compensation Exhaustees	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations

NOTES: Selected series are seasonally adjusted by the Bureau of the Census X-11 Variant of the census Method 11 Seasonal Adjustment Program.

SECTION A is a summary of recent data and current changes for all indicators and is presented in chart form. The indicators are presented with cyclical timing as the principle basis of classification.

SECTION B is a summary of Wisconsin Labor Force Estimates, including Employment, Unemployment and Unemployment Rates, and selected U.S. data.

SECTION C analyzes the Wisconsin labor force by industry and by specified Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

SECTION D singles out certain economic time series as being leading of coinciding in relation to movements in aggregate economic activity. They are seasonally adjusted and presented graphically.

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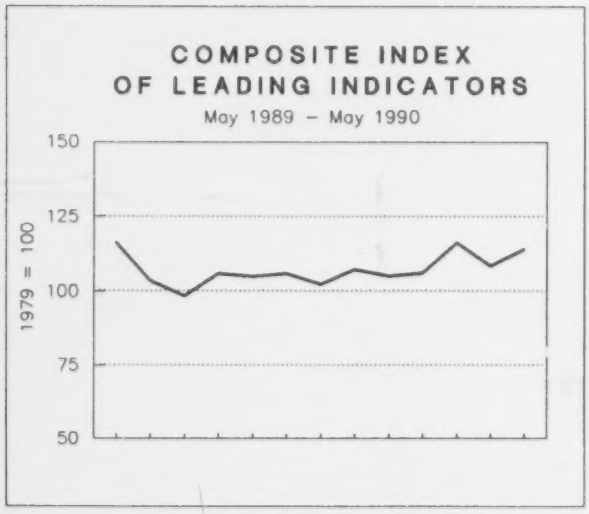
SUMMARY FOR MAY

COMPOSITE INDEX

Wisconsin's Composite Index of leading economic indicators rose by 5.5 percentage points in May. This month's level, 114.1 points, while not a record level, is among the highest on record.

The leading indicators were mixed in May, with just over half giving positive signs of growth.

What gave the most impetus to the growth of the index was a large boost in the average overtime hours worked in the manufacturing sectors throughout the state and a large decrease in the average number of weekly initial claims for unemployment compensation.



LEADING INDICATORS

The average workweek in manufacturing grew by 1.2 hours in May. That is a large increase and comes in a month when a slight decrease is normal. The workweek averaged 41.2 hours in May. A seasonal normal average would have amounted to 39.9 hours.

The average weekly overtime in manufacturing contributed heavily to the weekly hours increase. Overtime hours per week averaged 0.9 more in May than in April. The overtime average in May normally remains about even with the month before.

The employment level in manufacturing increased, too, though at slightly less than a seasonally normal rate. The longer workweek coupled with the higher employment level means greater labor input into manufacturing.

The average number of weekly initial claims for unemployment compensation dropped by over 1,300 in May. Normal for May would be a decrease of just under one thousand, so this month's decrease betters the trend.

The number of job openings received by public Job Service offices throughout the state decreased by 63 this month. That seems slight, but the job openings count usually increases in May.

New business incorporations decreased by about 30 this month. A slight decrease is normal, but this month's drop exceeds the usual decline.

The net gain in business telephone access lines increased by nearly 1,400 in May. Most, but not all, of the gain is due to the usual seasonal trend.

The number of commercial and industrial building plans examined in May decreased by 46, but about eighty percent of the decrease is due to the seasonal trend in May.

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	Unit	Monthly Series			% Change		Avg.
		Latest Month		Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	1989
LEADING INDICATORS								
L1 COMPOSITE INDEX OF LEADING INDICATORS								
Seasonally Adjusted	Index	MAY	114.1	108.6	116.4	5.1%	-2.0%	106.5
L2 AVG. WORK WEEK, MFG.								
Unadjusted	Hours	MAY	41.2	40.0	41.1	3.0%	0.2%	41.5
Seasonally Adjusted			41.5	40.2	41.4	3.2%	0.2%	
L3 AVG. OVERTIME HOURS, MFG.								
Unadjusted	Hours	MAY	3.9	3.0	3.6	30.0%	8.3%	3.9
Seasonally Adjusted			4.3	3.3	4.0	30.3%	7.5%	
L4 AVG. WEEKLY INITIAL CLAIMS								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	5985	7301	5326	-18.0%	12.4%	7425
Seasonally Adjusted			8110	8549	7222	-5.1%	12.3%	
L5 TOTAL JOB OPENINGS RECEIVED								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	8697	8760	8683	-0.7%	0.2%	7383
Seasonally Adjusted			8259	9097	8249	-9.2%	0.1%	
L6 NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	568	598	637	-5.0%	-10.8%	602
Seasonally Adjusted			531	553	596	-4.0%	-10.9%	
L7 NET GAIN IN BUSINESS TELEPHONE ACCESS LINES								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	3425	2050	3505	67.1%	-2.3%	2784
Seasonally Adjusted			2908	2873	2736	1.2%	6.3%	
L8 BUILDING PLANS EXAMINED								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	725	761	837	-4.7%	-13.4%	610
Seasonally Adjusted			721	730	832	-1.2%	-13.3%	
COINCIDING INDICATORS								
C1 HELP-WANTED INDEX (MILW.)								
Seasonally Adjusted	Index	MAY	82	83	93	-1.2%	-11.8%	88
C2 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, TOTAL								
Unadjusted	Percent	MAY	3.9	4.7	4.5	.....	.....	4.4
Seasonally Adjusted			3.9	4.7	4.5	.....	.....	
C3 NATURAL GAS SALES								
Unadjusted	Mil.	MARCH	268.8	320.3	303.0	-16.1%	-11.3%	201.5
Seasonally Adjusted	Therms		181.3	177.2	204.3	2.3%	-11.3%	
C4 NEW CAR REGISTRATIONS								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	15,265	18,838	17,025	-19.0%	-10.3%	14,665
Seasonally Adjusted			13,402	17,638	14,949	-24.0%	-10.3%	
C5 ELECTRIC POWER SALES								
Unadjusted	Mil.	MARCH	3594.1	3370.9	2462.8	6.6%	45.9%	2982.3
Seasonally Adjusted	KWH		3597.7	3544.6	2466.4	1.5%	45.9%	
C6 TOTAL SECURITIES REGISTRATIONS								
Unadjusted	Mil. $	FEB	41.8	42.9	42.4	-2.6%	-1.4%	145.7
Seasonally Adjusted			36.6	39.1	37.1	-6.4%	-1.3%	

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	Unit	Monthly Series				% Change		Avg.
		Latest Month		Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	1989
C7 MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT								
Unadjusted	Thous.	MAY	554.4	553.1	551.8	0.2%	0.5%	556.6
Seasonally Adjusted			558.3	559.8	556.0	-0.3%	0.4%	
C8 AVG. WEEKLY EARNINGS, MFG.								
Unadjusted	Dollars	MAY	$457.32	$439.60	$443.06	4.0%	3.2%	$446.49
Seasonally Adjusted			$458.70	$440.04	$444.25	4.2%	3.3%	
C9 CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MKTG.								
Unadjusted	Mil. $	MARCH	427.9	396.9	401.9	7.8%	6.5%	456.8
Seasonally Adjusted			461.1	450.0	433.2	2.5%	6.4%	
C10 CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION EMPL.								
Unadjusted	Thous.	MAY	85.2	79.4	82.5	7.3%	3.3%	80.8
Seasonally Adjusted			82.4	85.7	79.8	-3.9%	3.3%	
OTHER KEY INDICATORS								
X1 BIRTH REGISTRATIONS								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	6381	6023	6751	5.9%	-5.5%	5761
Seasonally Adjusted			5964	6347	6309	-6.0%	-5.5%	
X2 DEATH REGISTRATIONS								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	3488	3519	3622	-0.9%	-3.7%	3425
Seasonally Adjusted			3513	3685	3648	-4.7%	-3.7%	
X3 NATURAL NET GAIN POPULATION								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	2893	2504	3129	15.5%	-7.5%	2336
Seasonally Adjusted			2642	2608	2858	1.3%	-7.6%	
X4 MARRIAGE REGISTRATIONS								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	3914	2221	4175	76.2%	-6.3%	3353
Seasonally Adjusted			3473	3205	3704	8.4%	-6.2%	
X5 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX			(Dec '89)	(Jun '89)	(Dec '88)			
Unadjusted (1982-1984 = 100)	Index	DEC	121.2	120.3	117.2	0.7%	3.4%	120.8
X6 PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS								
Unadjusted	Index	MAY	159	156	142	1.9%	12.0%	149
Seasonally Adjusted			162	160	146	1.3%	11.0%	
X7 NET GAIN IN RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE ACCESS LINES								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	587	1140	-4972	-48.5%	-111.8%	1853
Seasonally Adjusted			2863	2228	1681	28.5%	70.3%	
X8 LABOR DISPUTES, NO. OF WORKERS								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	310	1310	315	-76.3%	-1.6%	375
Seasonally Adjusted			391	1721	398	-77.3%	-1.8%	
X9 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXHAUSTEES								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	11,622	11,283	12,127	3.0%	-4.2%	10436
Seasonally Adjusted			10,222	10,304	10,668	-0.8%	-4.2%	

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B LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES MAY	(In Thousands)			% Change	
	Latest Month	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
Unadjusted					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	2556.4	2550.5	2609.9	0.2%	-2.0%
Employment (incl. Labor Disputes)	2456.9	2430.5	2493.7	1.1%	-1.5%
Unemployment	99.5	120.0	116.3	-17.1%	-14.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.7%	4.5%	.....	.....
Seasonally Adjusted					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	2549.0	2569.0	2602.4	-0.8%	-2.1%
Employment (incl. Labor Disputes)	2449.6	2447.6	2486.2	0.1%	-1.5%
Unemployment	99.4	121.3	116.2	-18.1%	-14.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.7%	4.5%	.....	.....

WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES MAY Unadjusted	(In Thousands)			% Change	
	Latest Month	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	2277.6	2255.9	2234.4	1.0%	1.9%
Contract Construction	85.2	79.4	82.5	7.3%	3.3%
Manufacturing	554.2	551.9	551.5	0.4%	0.5%
Transportation, Communication and Public Utilities	101.0	99.0	100.6	2.0%	0.4%
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	17.2	17.1	17.3	0.6%	-0.6%
Wholesale Trade	122.2	120.7	116.6	1.2%	4.8%
Retail Trade	421.6	413.6	414.2	1.9%	1.8%
General Merchandise	50.7	50.7	50.9	0.0%	-0.4%
Food Stores	62.0	61.6	60.3	0.6%	2.8%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	46.2	46.1	45.1	0.2%	2.4%
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	120.0	119.5	117.5	0.4%	2.1%
Banks & Depository Institutions	39.6	39.6	38.7	0.0%	2.3%
Insurance Carriers	42.3	42.3	41.4	0.0%	2.2%
Service and Miscellaneous	521.1	518.1	506.6	0.6%	2.9%
Business Services	79.7	78.8	78.9	1.1%	-0.1%
Health Services	181.3	180.5	173.8	0.4%	3.9%
Hospitals	76.5	76.3	73.5	0.3%	4.1%
Private Education	26.3	27.0	25.1	-2.6%	4.8%
Social Services	41.3	40.8	39.6	1.2%	4.3%
Government	349.8	351.6	342.4	-0.5%	2.2%
State Government	88.5	89.7	88.0	-1.3%	0.6%
Local Government	229.3	229.7	224.6	-0.2%	2.1%

UNITED STATES LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES JUNE	(In Thousands)			% Change	
	Latest Month	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
Seasonally Adjusted					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	124,836	125,004	124,111	-0.1%	0.6%
Employment (incl. Labor Disputes)	118,389	118,350	117,542	0.0%	0.7%
Unemployment	6,447	6,653	6,569	-3.1%	-1.9%
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.3%	5.3%	.....	.....

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT Unadjusted MAY	(In Thousands)			% Change	
	Latest Month	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
All Manufacturing	554.2	551.9	551.5	0.4%	0.5%
Durable Goods	336.2	335.2	337.1	0.3%	-0.3%
Lumber and Wood Products (Excl. Furniture)	27.1	26.9	27.0	0.7%	0.4%
Millwork, Plywood & Related	15.1	15.0	14.8	0.7%	2.0%
Furniture and Fixtures	12.5	12.6	12.6	-0.8%	-0.8%
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	8.2	7.7	8.1	6.5%	1.2%
Primary Metal Industries	21.8	22.0	22.5	-0.9%	-3.1%
Iron and Steel Foundries	11.3	11.4	11.5	-0.9%	-1.7%
Fabricated Metal Products	59.2	59.1	58.0	0.2%	2.1%
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	13.9	13.8	13.8	0.7%	0.7%
Metal Stampings	12.5	12.5	12.0	0.0%	4.2%
Industrial Machinery	111.4	111.0	110.8	0.4%	0.5%
Engines and Turbines	16.7	16.1	17.2	3.7%	-2.9%
Farm & Garden Machinery	12.8	12.8	12.1	0.0%	5.8%
Construction & Related Machinery	12.9	13.0	12.5	-0.8%	3.2%
Metalworking Machinery	16.2	16.2	15.5	0.0%	4.5%
Special Industry Machinery	13.7	13.7	13.4	0.0%	2.2%
Gen. Industrial Mach. and Equip.	13.7	13.7	13.5	0.0%	1.5%
Electronic & Other Electrical Machinery	36.7	36.8	37.8	-0.3%	-2.9%
Electrical Industrial Apparatus	13.5	13.5	14.1	0.0%	-4.3%
Transportation Equipment	27.0	27.0	28.9	0.0%	-6.6%
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	19.0	18.9	21.2	0.5%	-10.4%
Instrument and Related Products	20.9	21.0	21.1	-0.5%	-0.9%
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	11.2	11.2	10.3	0.0%	8.7%
Nondurable Goods	218.0	216.6	214.3	0.6%	1.7%
Food and Kindred Products	60.1	58.9	60.2	2.0%	-0.2%
Meat Products	15.2	15.1	14.8	0.7%	2.7%
Dairy Products	16.9	16.8	17.4	0.6%	-2.9%
Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	9.5	8.6	9.5	10.5%	0.0%
Textile Mill Products	4.1	4.0	4.3	2.5%	-4.7%
Apparel and Other Textiles	7.1	7.0	7.2	1.4%	-1.4%
Paper and Allied Products	50.5	50.4	49.8	0.2%	1.4%
Paper Mills	30.4	30.1	30.2	1.0%	0.7%
Printing, Publishing and Allied Products	46.3	46.2	44.7	0.2%	3.6%
Newspapers	13.0	12.9	12.4	0.8%	4.8%
Commercial Printing	21.3	21.3	20.8	0.0%	2.4%
Chemicals and Allied Products	10.7	10.6	10.8	0.9%	-0.9%
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	32.5	32.5	30.3	0.0%	7.3%
Miscellaneous Plastics Products	26.3	26.3	24.4	0.0%	7.8%
Leather & Leather Products	6.6	6.7	6.7	-1.5%	-1.5%

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WISCONSIN EARNINGS AND HOURS DATA

EARNINGS AND HOURS Unadjusted MAY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours		
	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
All Manufacturing	$457.32	$439.60	$443.06	41.2	40.0	41.1
Durable Goods	457.03	429.85	443.47	41.1	39.4	41.1
Lumber and Wood Products (Excl. Furniture)	337.05	330.17	328.02	39.7	39.4	40.1
Furniture and Fixtures	353.50	341.83	361.60	40.4	38.8	41.9
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	468.72	469.56	481.44	45.2	45.5	47.2
Primary Metal Industries	469.69	443.22	444.32	42.2	40.7	42.6
Iron and Steel Foundries	488.84	462.64	459.68	44.4	42.6	44.2
Fabricated Metal Products	438.24	413.52	408.43	41.5	39.8	40.2
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	457.29	431.78	416.77	43.1	41.2	40.9
Metal Stampings	459.48	426.10	460.08	42.0	39.6	41.3
Industrial Machinery	519.02	493.28	492.24	42.3	40.4	42.0
Engines and Turbines	504.80	505.77	502.44	37.7	38.2	39.1
Farm & Gardem Machinery	528.60	493.29	531.27	41.2	39.4	42.4
Construction & Related Machinery	579.01	574.20	502.68	45.2	44.0	42.6
Metalworking Machinery	561.13	530.96	553.24	42.9	40.5	43.7
Special Industry Machinery	562.29	464.49	517.44	45.2	37.1	43.3
Gen. Industrial Mach. and Equip.	450.66	436.56	428.82	42.0	40.8	42.0
Electronic & Other Electrical Machinery	399.56	382.59	375.31	40.4	39.0	39.8
Electrical Industrial Apparatus	416.56	391.55	410.59	41.0	38.5	41.6
Transportation Equipment	585.16	487.24	613.88	40.3	35.8	41.2
Instrument and Related Products	405.11	390.56	419.64	36.3	35.7	39.0
Nondurable Goods	456.50	455.10	441.98	41.2	41.0	41.0
Food and Kindred Products	436.07	427.35	416.64	41.1	40.7	40.1
Meat Products	386.63	388.27	367.75	39.9	39.7	39.5
Dairy Products	434.30	430.44	408.82	41.8	42.2	40.8
Textile Mill Products	396.98	363.37	377.76	41.7	39.8	44.6
Apparel and Other Textiles	289.60	268.25	262.13	40.0	37.0	38.1
Paper and Allied Products	592.57	626.09	602.54	43.7	45.6	45.1
Paper Mills	656.25	712.97	656.56	45.7	48.8	46.4
Printing, Publishing and Allied Products	462.95	452.02	422.99	39.3	38.9	37.7
Chemicals and Allied Products	414.22	394.72	415.04	39.6	38.1	40.1
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	365.31	345.08	345.37	40.5	38.6	40.3
Leather & Leather Products	288.05	272.06	275.49	40.8	38.7	39.3

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Unadjusted MAY	Including Overtime			Excluding Overtime		
	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
All Manufacturing (Incl. Canning)	$11.10	$10.99	$10.78	$10.60	$10.59	$10.33
Durable Goods	11.12	10.91	10.79	10.65	10.60	10.36
Lumber and Wood Products (Excl. Furniture)	8.49	8.38	8.18	8.19	8.13	7.86
Furniture and Fixtures	8.75	8.81	8.63	8.43	8.62	8.44
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	10.37	10.32	10.20	9.58	9.65	9.38
Primary Metal Industries	11.13	10.89	10.43	10.51	10.46	9.89
Iron and Steel Foundries	11.01	10.86	10.40	10.32	10.34	9.77
Fabricated Metal Products	10.56	10.39	10.16	10.08	10.05	9.74
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	10.61	10.48	10.19	10.10	10.11	9.82
Metal Stampings	10.94	10.76	11.14	10.42	10.44	10.69
Industrial Machinery	12.27	12.21	11.72	11.76	11.83	11.24
Engines and Turbines	13.39	13.24	12.85	13.32	13.09	12.49
Farm & Garden Machinery	12.83	12.52	12.53	12.31	12.26	12.04
Construction & Related Machinery	12.81	13.05	11.80	12.25	12.61	11.31
Metalworking Machinery	13.08	13.11	12.66	12.47	12.65	12.08
Special Industry Machinery	12.44	12.52	11.95	11.74	11.99	11.33
Gen. Industrial Mach. and Equip.	10.73	10.70	10.21	10.28	10.36	9.78
Electronic & Other Electrical Machinery	9.89	9.81	9.43	9.59	9.60	9.16
Electrical Industrial Apparatus	10.16	10.17	9.87	9.87	9.96	9.55
Transportation Equipment	14.52	13.61	14.90	13.81	13.35	14.24
Instrument and Related Products	11.16	10.94	10.76	10.95	10.83	10.54
Nondurable Goods	11.08	11.10	10.78	10.51	10.58	10.28
Food and Kindred Products	10.61	10.50	10.39	10.06	10.06	9.89
Meat Products	9.69	9.78	9.31	9.28	9.40	8.89
Dairy Products	10.39	10.20	10.02	9.78	9.69	9.53
Textile Mill Products	9.52	9.13	8.47	9.04	8.86	7.96
Apparel and Other Textiles	7.24	7.25	6.88	6.91	7.10	6.72
Paper and Allied Products	13.56	13.73	13.36	12.85	12.84	12.62
Paper Mills	14.36	14.61	14.15	13.54	13.51	13.33
Printing, Publishing and Allied Products	11.78	11.62	11.22	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Chemicals and Allied Products	10.46	10.36	10.35	10.07	10.10	10.01
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	9.02	8.94	8.57	8.59	8.61	8.26
Leather & Leather Products	7.06	7.03	7.01	6.80	6.82	6.78

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SUMMARY OF AREA DATA

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT Unadjusted MAY	(In Thousands)			% Change	
	Latest Month	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
United States	19329.0	19320.0	19619.0	0.0%	-1.5%
Wisconsin	554.2	551.9	551.5	0.4%	0.5%
Appleton-Oshkosh (Calumet-Winnebago-Outagamie)	54.0	53.9	53.7	0.2%	0.6%
Eau Claire (Eau Claire-Chippewa)	10.8	10.9	11.7	-0.9%	-7.7%
Green Bay (Brown County)	24.1	23.9	24.0	0.8%	0.4%
Janesville-Beloit (Rock Co.)	17.7	17.6	18.1	0.6%	-2.2%
Kenosha (County)	9.5	9.6	10.3	-1.0%	-7.8%
La Crosse (County)	10.2	10.2	10.3	0.0%	-1.0%
Madison (Dane County)	25.4	25.1	24.9	1.2%	2.0%
Milwaukee (Milwaukee-Ozaukee-Washington-Waukesha)	174.0	174.1	174.0	-0.1%	0.0%
Racine (County)	26.4	26.4	26.4	0.0%	0.0%
Sheboygan (County)	22.0	21.9	21.6	0.5%	1.9%
Wausau (Marathon County)	15.1	15.0	14.9	0.7%	1.3%

EARNINGS AND HOURS, MFG. Production Workers (Unadjusted) MAY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			
							Incl. Overtime		Excl. Overtime	
	Latest Month	Month Ago	Year Ago	Latest Month	Month Ago	Year Ago	Latest Month	Month Ago	Latest Month	Month Ago
United States	$442.54	$427.45	$426.18	40.9	39.8	40.9	$10.82	$10.74	.....	.....
Wisconsin	457.32	439.60	443.06	41.2	40.0	41.1	11.10	10.99	10.60	10.59
Appleton-Oshkosh (Calumet-Winnebago-Outagamie)	515.03	500.91	510.51	42.6	42.2	43.3	12.09	11.87	11.51	11.39
Eau Claire (Eau Claire-Chippewa)	508.12	500.96	442.49	44.3	43.6	41.2	11.47	11.49	10.92	10.97
Green Bay (Brown County)	494.83	499.39	478.50	40.1	40.9	41.5	12.34	12.21	11.83	11.74
Janesville-Beloit (Rock Co.)	443.35	380.80	566.58	37.1	32.0	42.6	11.95	11.90	11.32	11.46
Kenosha (County)	490.12	454.68	500.40	41.5	39.4	40.0	11.81	11.54	11.28	11.17
La Crosse (County)	399.59	371.71	389.61	40.9	38.4	40.5	9.77	9.68	9.40	9.42
Madison (Dane County)	426.13	422.82	410.06	40.7	40.5	40.4	10.47	10.44	10.12	10.16
Milwaukee (Milwaukee-Ozaukee-Washington-Waukesha)	478.31	463.24	474.10	40.5	39.9	40.8	11.81	11.61	11.27	11.19
Racine (County)	456.90	422.59	421.83	39.8	37.9	38.7	11.48	11.15	10.97	10.89
Sheboygan (County)	479.14	453.02	438.26	43.4	41.6	42.1	11.04	10.89	10.55	10.55
Wausau (Marathon County)	464.20	483.96	429.66	42.2	43.6	42.0	11.00	11.10	10.45	10.54

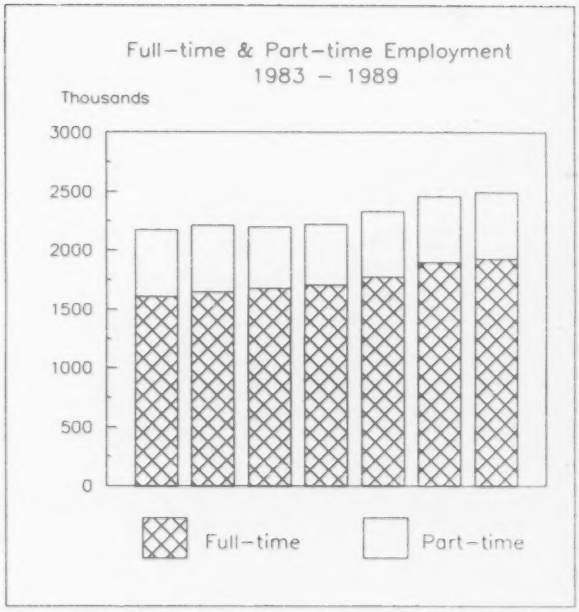
WISCONSIN'S PART-TIME LABOR FORCE

part-time workers continue to bolster our ... labor force

by Joseph Tumpach, Jr.

Somewhat hidden and not often discussed is our part-time labor force. Those concerned with labor and with the working population often cite total employment and unemployment or often speak of young workers, women in the labor force, or of the employment problems of racial and ethnic minorities.

Yet, in 1989, about 564,000 employees worked at part-time jobs throughout the state, a number large enough to warrant a close examination. That number amounts to over one out of every five workers. While data on part-time employment is often buried amid pages of government-produced statistics and often neglected by the news media, part-time workers over the years continue to bolster our full-time labor force.



From 1983 through 1989, voluntary part-time employment throughout the state averaged between 17 and 18 percent of total employment. Not all workers want full-time jobs...for a variety of reasons. Some have home obligations, some are students, some are seeking to supplement already-held full-time employment. Of the state's 114,000 unemployed in 1989, about 32,000 were looking for part-time work, while 82,000 were seeking full-time jobs. And, of the unemployed members of our labor force, in that same period, between 19 and 28 percent were looking for only part-time work.

But there is another side. There are a number of part-time workers who are part-time for economic reasons, reasons caused by several factors. Some companies may reduce work hours when business is slack. Or, some workers simply may not be able to find full-time jobs if the local economy of an area is weak. These part-time workers amounted to 106,000 in 1989, about 4.2 percent of total employment. Economically induced part-time employment, however, has tended to decrease with economic expansion. A half dozen years ago, 1983 and 1984, those employed part-time for economic reasons numbered 160,000, about one

and a half times what it is today. The general trend since 1983 for those working part-time due to economic reasons has been downward, though not consistently downward from year to year.

What does a profile of Wisconsin's part-time labor force look like? About seven out of ten of our part-time employed are women. In 1989, women comprised 395,000 of the total 564,000 part-timers. If we count only voluntary part-time employment, women account for seventy-two percent of the total. And, in the same year, of the 53,000 unemployed women, 19,000 were seeking part-time work.

Teenage workers, both males and females between the ages of 16 through 19 years old, account for 125,000 of our part-time employed. Two-thirds of teenagers who are working, work part-time.

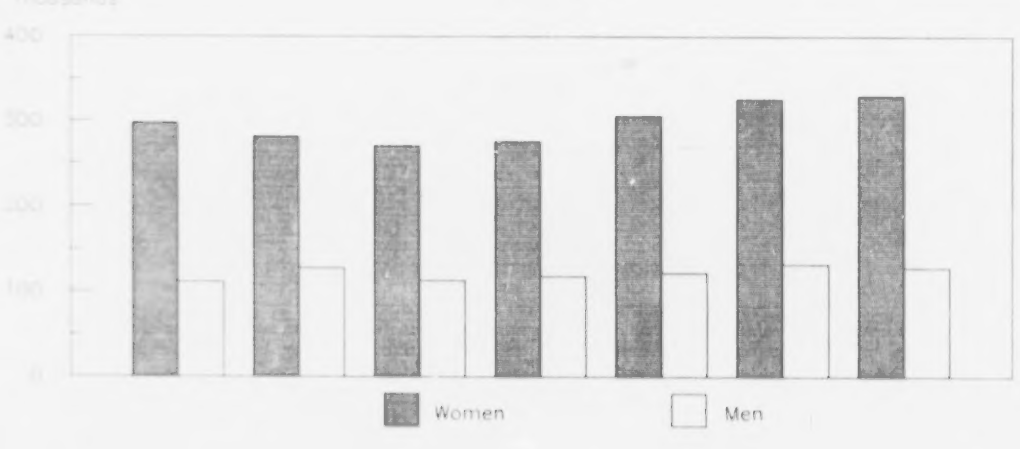
The number of men working part-time voluntarily has increased sharply in the last two years and numbered 128,000 in 1989. That may be part of the trend of the increasing number of men opting for early retirement from full-time employment at increasingly earlier ages.

What the statistics show is an increasing number within our population working only part-time. This trend seems at odds with a population that is entering labor force age, 16 years old, at a much slower rate than the generation of the Post War baby boom. That is, the supply of potential workers is growing at a reduced rate.

The number of possible workers, however, remains great. Those segments that have the highest disposition toward part-time employment, women and teenagers, also have ample numbers of people not in the labor force. It may be that employers will find it necessary to increase incentives for these groups to seek work. But as yet, a large pool of potential workers exists.

Currently, a smaller share of women than of men, who are labor force age, are either working or seeking jobs. Men's labor force participation rate is nearly eighty percent; women's, about sixty-three percent. If the women's participation rate rose to match that of men, an additional 317,000 workers would be available. We do not know, however, how high the women's rate will grow. We do know it has grown steadily in the past two decades.

Voluntary Part-time Employment
1983 - 1989



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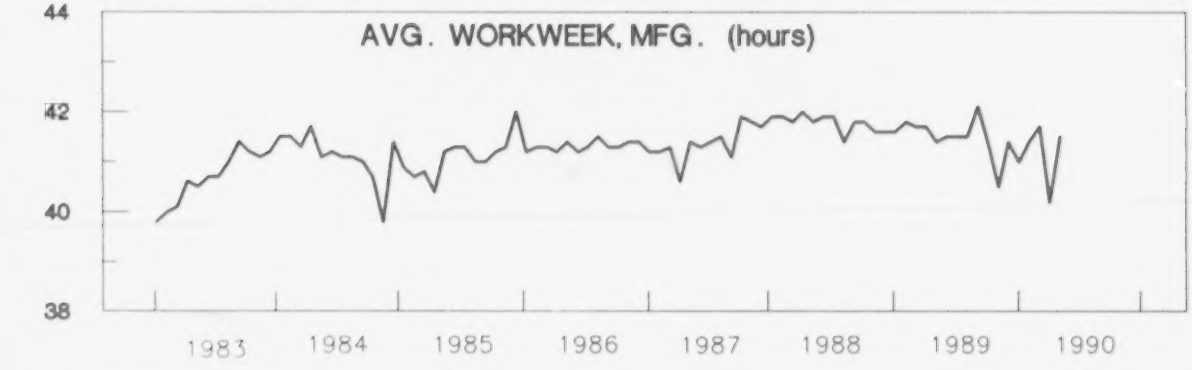

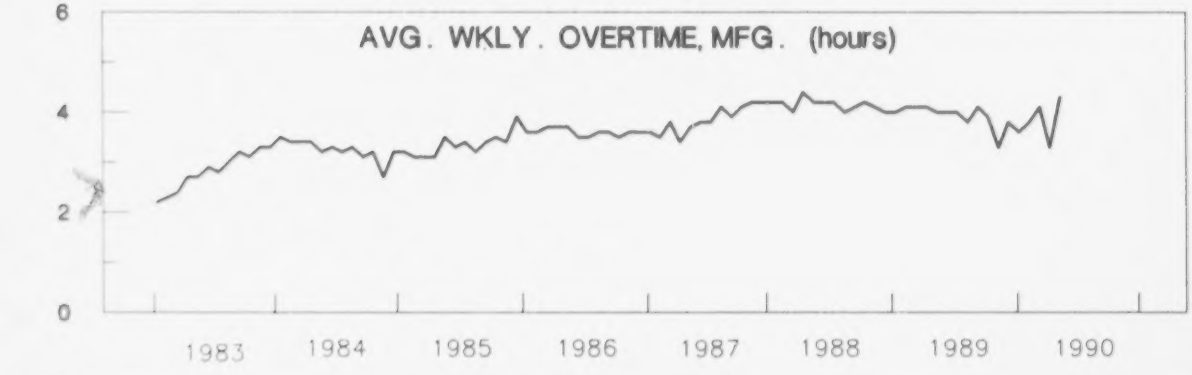

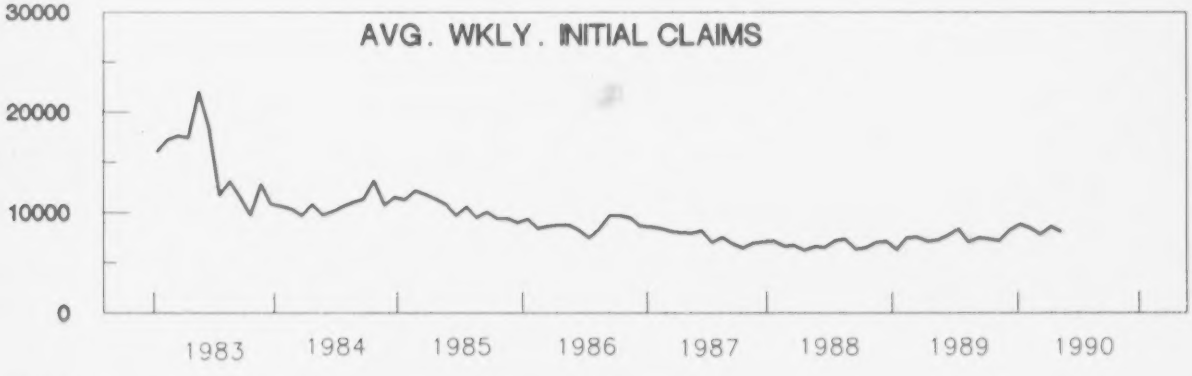

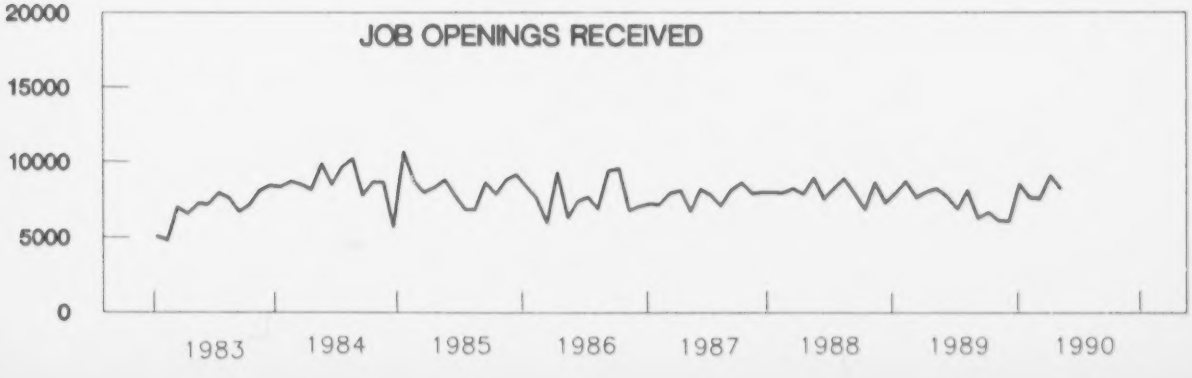

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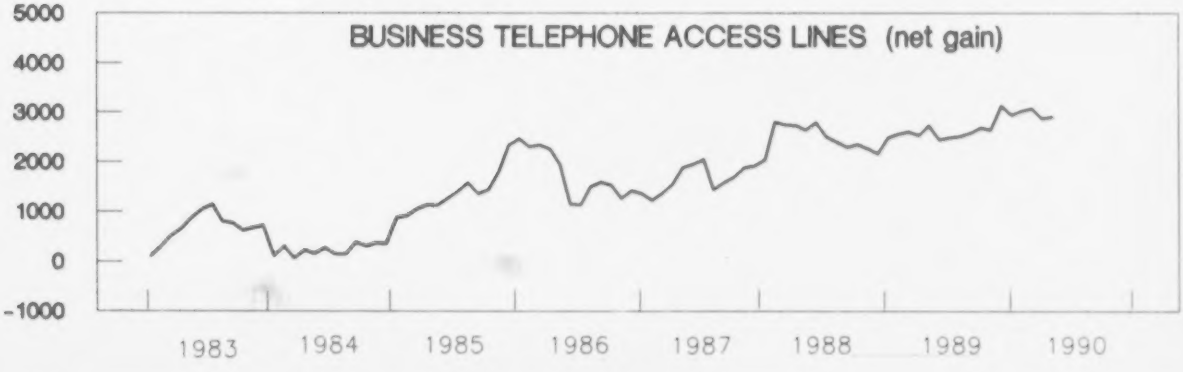

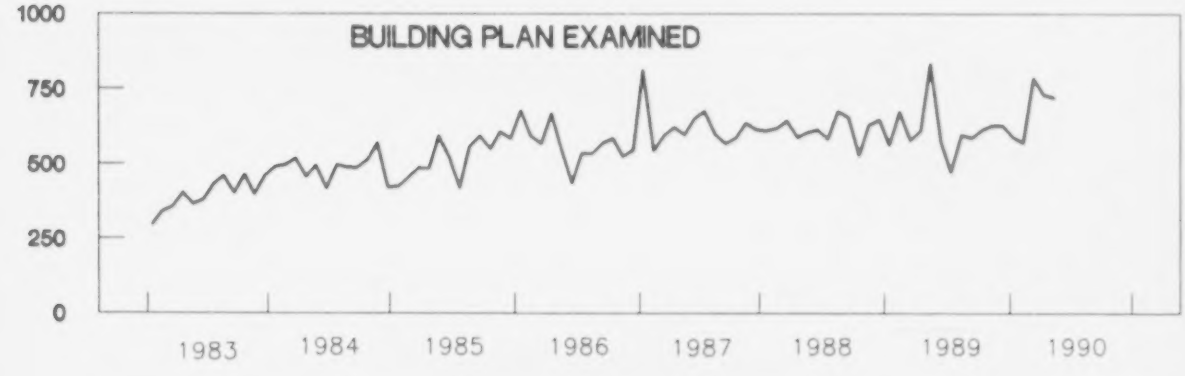

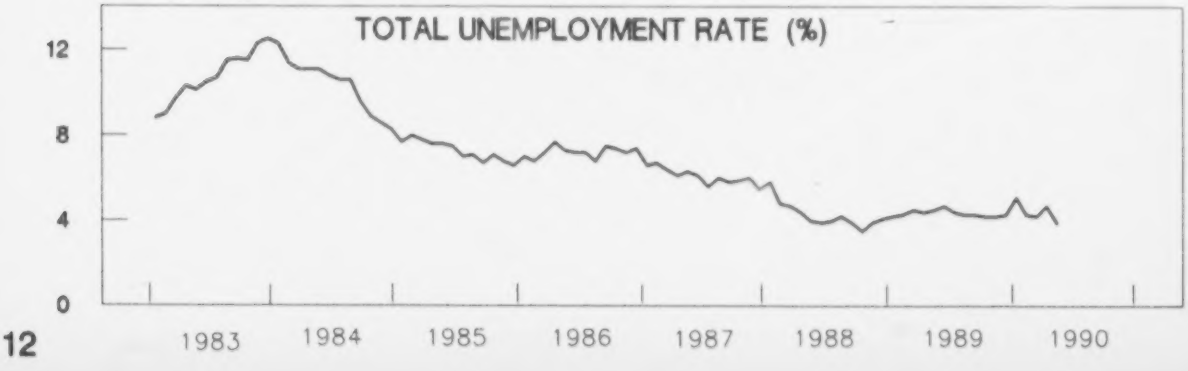

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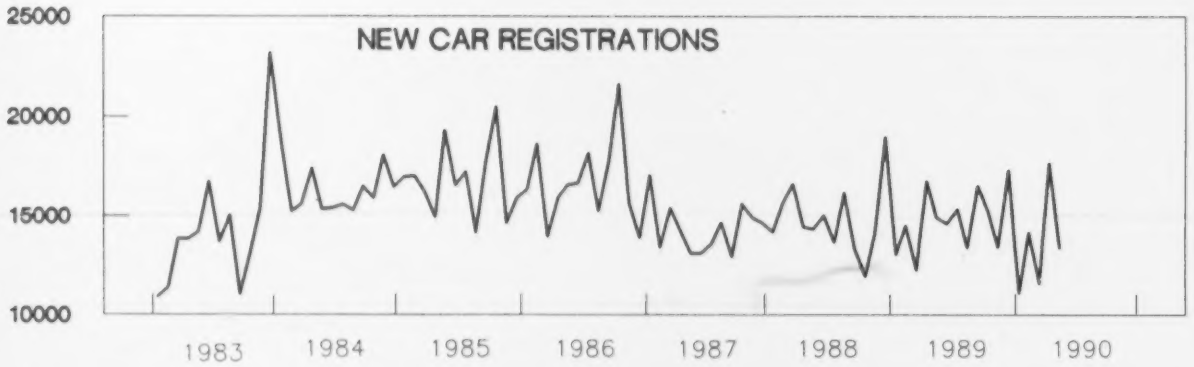

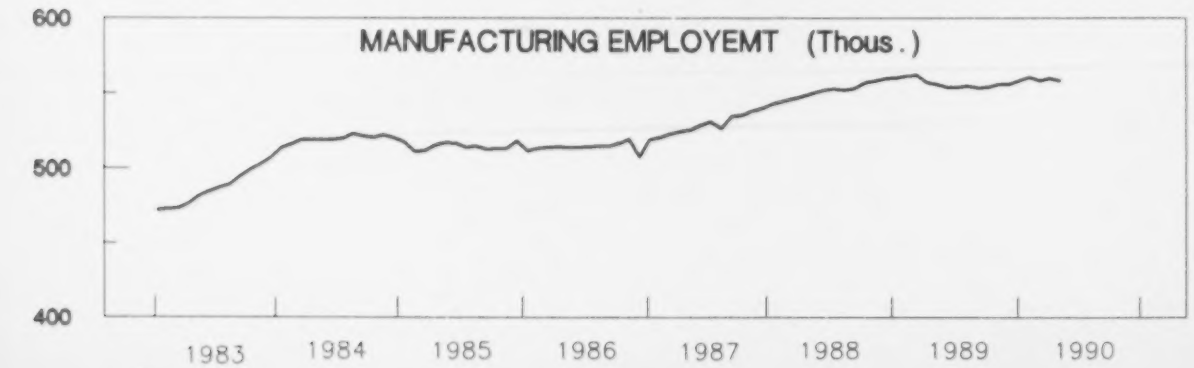

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